

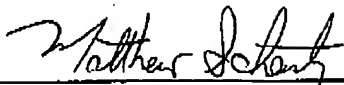
'502 publication, and Applicant's traversal thereof in his response of November 22, 2004. Among other things, claim '23 recites "a sensor to detect a change . . . and provide a corresponding electrical sensor signal; . . . and transient suppression circuitry coupled between the sensor and [a] power source . . . the transient suppression circuitry including a first thermistor to protect the sensor from a power surge by dissipating at least a portion thereof." The Parsons '502 publication, on the other hand, describes a thermistor that can be used as a sensor, not a thermistor being used with a sensor, let alone the claimed structure and relationship between those components. Parsons neither shows nor suggests the claimed structure. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Office Action in light of this observation and those given in Applicant's response filed on November 22, 2004.

Applicant notes that the "Office Action Summary" indicated a status of claims up to and including claim 37, which implies to the undersigned that the Examiner has considered the Preliminary Amendment filed by Applicant on June 11, 2004. Applicant notes further, however, that the Office Action Summary for the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004 indicated that it was "responsive to communication(s) filed June 11, 2003." Applicant requests acknowledgment that the Preliminary Amendment was entered into the file and considered.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If, after reviewing this response, the Examiner feels that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

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